

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Regina Fitzpatrick
Date of Interview	4 th Aug 2010
Location	Round Towers GAA Clubhouse, Clondalkin, Dublin 22
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Paddy Delaney
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1941 Home County: Dublin
Education	Primary: Tallaght BNS Secondary: Lucan Vocational School Third Level: DIT (Bolton Street)
Family	Siblings: N/A Current Family if Different: Wife, 3 daughters & 2 sons
Club(s)	Round Towers GAA, Clondalkin [Dublin]
Occupation	Retired Trainee Instructor
Parents' Occupation	Machine Driver [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	Fine Gael
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Castlerea Golf Club

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Peg Nolan
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Female
Born	Year Born: 1924 Home County: Dublin
Education	Primary: Presentation Convent, Clondalkin Secondary: N/A
Family	Siblings: N/A Current Family if Different: Single
Club(s)	Round Towers GAA, Clondalkin [Dublin]
Occupation	Retired Printer's Clerk
Parents' Occupation	Farmers
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Tommy Keogh
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1938 Home County: Dublin
Education	Primary: St. Michael's CBS, Inchicore, Dublin Secondary: St James' CBS, James Street
Family	Siblings: 1 sister and 3 brothers Current Family if Different: Wife & 1 son
Club(s)	Round Towers GAA Club, Clondalkin [Dublin]
Occupation	Photographer
Parents' Occupation	N/A
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Clondalkin Camera Club

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Pat Ryder
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1942 Home County: Dublin
Education	Primary: Presentation Convent St Mary's BNS, Tallaght
Family	Siblings: 1 brother & 2 sisters Current Family if Different: Wife
Club(s)	Round Towers GAA, Clondalkin [Dublin]
Occupation	Fitter
Parents' Occupation	Wheelwright/ Carpenter [Father]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	Fianna Fáil
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Knights of Columbanus

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Date of Report	11 th June 2012
Period Covered	1850 - 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Dublin
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Coaching, Officials, Administration, Celebrations, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Education, Religion, Media, Emigration, Role of Clergy, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers Identity, Rivalries, Irish Language, Culture, Club History, County History, Irish, History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices, Violence, Politics, The Troubles, Retirement, Food and Drink, Socialising, Purchase of Grounds, Relationships, Economy / Economics
Interview Summary	<p>Members of the Round Towers club in Clondalkin discuss their collective GAA history. All are from the local area and they describe how the club what built up by different families in what was once a relatively small community where most people knew each other. The club was a real focal point and brought people together on and off the pitch, through playing games, socialising at céilís and dances, and working hard to raise funds. They talk about their success on the pitch over the years and about how the expansion of the area impacted on the club. They also discuss the challenges that they face going into the future, particularly in relation to finances. All four are dedicated Round Towers members and each has their own individual GAA anecdotes to share.</p> <p>00:45 (Peg) Family involvement. Her father, Matthew Nolan, captain of Dublin and Round Towers. Uncle, Jim Clark, a treasurer. Her brother and sister playing for Round Towers.</p> <p>01:35 (Peg) Father involved in 1914. Stories he told. Billy Dowling, a neighbour, also involved.</p> <p>03:15 (Peg) Playing camogie in the 1930s. Hanlons playing. Winning the league in 1945.</p> <p>03:45 (Peg) Camogie strong in Dublin at that time.</p> <p>04:35 (Peg) Watching the men play games.</p> <p>04:50 (Peg) Going to the Presentation Convent.</p>

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	<p>05:30 (Peg) Mike Delaney's father, Jack Hanlon, the Murphys and John O'Neill coaching them. Practice they did.</p> <p>06:15 (Peg) Supporters they had.</p> <p>06:35 (Peg) What they wore when they played.</p> <p>06:50 (Tom) Photograph they have of Peg's team in 1945.</p> <p>07:40 (Tom) How long Peg's team lasted. New team coming along.</p> <p>08:15 (Tom) Where original clubhouse was located.</p> <p>08:40 (Peg) Camogie Association and the Irish language. Going to the gaeltacht.</p> <p>09:20 (Tom) Library in Clondalkin.</p> <p>10:05 (Peg) Clondalkin when she was growing up.</p> <p>11:00 (Tom) Paper mills reopening in 1937 and employing a lot of people.</p> <p>11:40 (Peg) Céilís on a Sunday night.</p> <p>12:00 (Peg) Patsy Geraghty and his family living in the library. Involvement with the club.</p> <p>12:25 (Tom) Derby Geraghty winning All-Ireland medals.</p> <p>13:30 (Pat) Dowlings involved with the club.</p> <p>13:50 (Peg) Austin Stacks and CIE their rivals. Kathleen Mills a talented player.</p> <p>14:20 (Peg) Football and camogie clubs separate. Their club named Clann Éireann.</p> <p>15:00 (Peg) Splits in the Camogie Association in the 1930s and how that affected them.</p> <p>15:25 (Peg) Going to watch camogie matches around Dublin.</p> <p>15:45 (Tom) Camogie board getting pitches in the Phoenix Park.</p> <p>16:00 (Peg) Going by bus to the Phoenix Park.</p>
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	<p>17:15 (Peg) Position she played. Physical nature of the games.</p> <p>18:15 (Tom) Getting involved in 1961.</p> <p>18:35 (Tom) His wife, Bridget, playing.</p> <p>19:10 (Tom) Orla and Aisling Ní Síocháin on an opposing team in a final.</p> <p>19:40 (Tom) Rules of Dublin Camogie Board flexible and how that affected them.</p> <p>20:05 (Tom) Becoming chairman of the camogie in 1985. Success they had.</p> <p>20:30 (Tom) Dealings with the Dublin Camogie Board.</p> <p>21:00 (Tom) Changes in camogie through the years.</p> <p>22:05 (Peg) Involvement with the social committee. Mrs Farrell, Mrs Hackett, Mrs Farrelly, Mrs Hassett, Mrs O'Connor involved.</p> <p>22:45 (Tom) Club rooms rebuilt in 1959.</p> <p>23:15 (Tom) Club's success in the 1960s.</p> <p>23:50 (Tom) Dances funding refurbishment.</p> <p>24:20 (Peg) Cyril Dowling, Joe Keogh, The Wolfetones, Tony Higgins and Larry Carr playing there.</p> <p>25:15 (Tom) Groups playing in the 1960s.</p> <p>26:15 (Tom) Groups playing on church holidays.</p> <p>26:55 (Peg) Fr Cassidy playing for the club.</p> <p>27:25 (Peg) Bringing the money they raised to Mr Cronin, the treasurer.</p> <p>28:00 (Tom) Dinner dances in the 1960s.</p> <p>28:45 (Tom) Paddy playing for O'Tooles and moving to Round Towers. Reason for transfer.</p>
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	<p>29:30 (Tom) Annual motion at the county board regarding intermediate champions.</p> <p>30:05 (Tom) Reaching a senior championship final.</p> <p>30:30 (Paddy) Winning the division 2 league. Beating first division teams in the championship.</p> <p>31:05 (Paddy) Losing to UCD in a final in Croke Park.</p> <p>31:30 (Paddy) Type of football they played.</p> <p>31:40 (Paddy) Support they had.</p> <p>31:55 (Paddy) Boggins family supporting them, Maguires good footballers.</p> <p>32:20 (Paddy) How they fared in the 1970s.</p> <p>32:50 (Paddy) Father playing with the club. Uncle a county board delegate, as was his cousin, Michael Delaney.</p> <p>33:30 (Paddy) Earliest memories. Playing in the den pitch, owned by the Presentation Sisters.</p> <p>34:00 (Paddy) Motorbike racing events to raise funds. Stanley Woods there.</p> <p>34:25 (Paddy) Scuffles on the pitch.</p> <p>34:50 (Paddy) Working in the paper mills.</p> <p>35:30 (Paddy) Not having jerseys after the clubhouse burned down in 1957. Paper mills assisting them.</p> <p>36:15 (Tom) Things destroyed in the fire.</p> <p>36:30 (Paddy) Night of the fire.</p> <p>36:45 (Tom) Being on the committee at the time. Having meetings at alternative locations.</p> <p>37:10 (Tom) Having a meeting in the library.</p> <p>37:30 (Tom) Denis Cronin, Mr O'Donoghue, Mick Kavanagh, Luke Hackett, Kevin O'Reilly contributing to the club.</p> <p>38:20 (Tom) New committee formed after the fire.</p>
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	<p>38:35 (Tom) Moyle Park College opening. 7-a-side tournaments held there.</p> <p>39:15 (Tom) Street leagues they had. Players going on to enjoy success with the club in the 1960s.</p> <p>40:00 (Pat) Youth policy at the club. Street leagues.</p> <p>40:40 (Tom) South county and south city leagues. Thoms David, St Anne's Bonabreena, St Mary's of Saggart, Round Towers, St Finian's, Palmerstown, Lucan Sarsfields involved.</p> <p>41:50 (Tom) Team winning the south city and south county leagues in 1964.</p> <p>42:25 (Paddy) South city team playing against a south county team.</p> <p>42:55 (Tom) Not having many teams in the 1950s.</p> <p>43:30 (Tom) Paddy Dolan, Christy Stynes, Charlie Kelly and Mr Kinsella mentors in the 1950s.</p> <p>44:30 (Tom) Willie Murphy, Dinny Malone, Eric Cahill, Liam Kelly's father, Dick Farrelly on a south county committee.</p> <p>45:30 (Pat) Getty Fallon starting up hurling. Hurling sporadic at the club.</p> <p>46:00 (Tom) Hurling team winning a league and an objection being raised.</p> <p>46:25 (Tom) Hurling in the 1980s.</p> <p>47:05 (Pat) New people arriving in Clondalkin. Mick Griffin, Mick Foley, Mick Keaney, Packie McGeraghty, Frank McGivern, Mick Carroll players that moved to the area and played with the club.</p> <p>48:05 (Paddy) Mick Cranny on the Dublin team. Jim and Sonny Nolan involved with the club.</p> <p>48:55 (Paddy) May, Teresa, Josie and Betty Nolan supporting the club.</p> <p>49:20 (Pat) Grandfather born in the area in 1850. Later marrying Ann Flanagan. Flanagan family.</p>
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	<p>51:50 (Pat) Grandfather and his brother involved in formation of Round Towers. His father also involved.</p> <p>52:20 (Pat) His own involvement with the club.</p> <p>53:05 (Pat) Not knowing his grandfather. Hearing about his life from others. Drinking habits.</p> <p>55:20 (Pat) Being around the club when he was a boy. Playing solo.</p> <p>56:10 (Pat) Efforts to raise funds in the early years of the club. Paying for cottages the club bought.</p> <p>58:15 (Pat) When the clubhouse that burned down was erected.</p> <p>59:20 (Tom) Plaque erected in 1948. Old IRA in the area.</p> <p>01:01:25 (Tom) Older people reluctant to talk about the old IRA.</p> <p>01:01:30 (Pat) Hiding people in his house.</p> <p>01:02:40 (Paddy) One of the O'Rahillys involved in the Easter Rising of 1916.</p> <p>01:03:20 (Paddy) Willie Gordon a republican and a Protestant.</p> <p>01:03:55 (Pat) IRA people interned in the Curragh in the 1950s.</p> <p>01:04:50 (Pat) GAA and Irish culture in the area. Céilís.</p> <p>01:05:20 (Peg) Her uncle Jim dancing.</p> <p>01:05:40 (Peg) Different dances at céilís.</p> <p>01:06:40 (Pat) Céilí bands at the dances. Frank Kelly playing. Mr Maguire the MC.</p> <p>01:08:00 (Pat) Local businesses supporting the club.</p> <p>01:08:50 (Tom) Teams they had in the 1960s.</p> <p>01:09:30 (Tom) Expansion in the 1970s.</p>
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	<p>01:10:45 (Tom) Farms fading out in the area.</p> <p>01:12:15 (Pat) Newcomers to the area making contact with the club.</p> <p>01:12:55 (Tom) Club expanding over the years.</p> <p>01:13:30 (Pat) Chairmen they had.</p> <p>01:13:45 (Paddy) His time as chairman. Trying to get a bar in the club. Tony Hanahoe of St Vincent's advising him. Working with Denis Cronin and Gerry Fallon to get a permit.</p> <p>01:17:15 (Paddy) Getting advice from Denis Cronin.</p> <p>01:18:45 (Paddy) Social scene once they got the bar. Local publicans objecting.</p> <p>01:20:15 (Paddy) Moving out of their own playing fields. County council giving them land to use.</p> <p>01:21:50 (Paddy) Moving to the community centre.</p> <p>01:22:25 (Paddy) Buying land on Monastery Road and it subsidizing. Fundraising and plans for that land.</p> <p>01:25:05 (Paddy) Expense of buying the site. Economic pressures.</p> <p>01:26:15 (Paddy) Need for more members to give more help.</p> <p>01:27:00 (Paddy) Importance of volunteers.</p> <p>01:29:00 (Paddy) What motivates him.</p> <p>01:29:35 (Tom) His father's involvement and following in his footsteps.</p> <p>01:30:10 (Tom) Being secretary in the 1960s. Taking on assistants.</p> <p>01:30:50 (Tom) Celebrations in the 1960s when they were successful.</p> <p>01:31:50 (Tom) Players training indoors in the winter in the 1960s.</p>
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	<p>01:32:30 (Tom) Wife and sister's involvement.</p> <p>01:33:15 (Tom) Veteran matches that were played by club members.</p> <p>01:33:40 (Paddy) Club remaining the same through expansion.</p> <p>01:34:05 (Paddy) Importance of the club to Clondalkin.</p> <p>01:34:40 (Tom) Immigrants joining the club.</p> <p>01:35:20 (Paddy) Development officer visiting schools.</p> <p>01:36:00 (Tom) Many immigrants playing for Lucan.</p> <p>01:36:20 (Paddy) Losing players because of emigration.</p> <p>01:37:25 St Mary's, St Anne's, Thomas Davis, Lucan Sarsfields, St Patrick's, Palmerstown, Newcastle, St Finian's all rivals of theirs.</p> <p>01:38:10 (Tom) The McCabe Cup, named after Paddy McCabe. His background.</p> <p>01:39:00 (Tom) Changes he has seen in the GAA over the years. Women's involvement.</p> <p>01:39:45 (Paddy) Insurance costs for ladies footballers. Need for them to raise funds.</p> <p>01:40:35 (Paddy) Registration and transport costs.</p> <p>01:41:40 (Paddy) Na Fianna and other clubs in debt.</p> <p>01:42:15 (Paddy) Struggling with finances.</p> <p>01:42:35 (Paddy) Using bar profits to cover other costs.</p> <p>01:43:35 (Paddy) Finances becoming more of an issue over the years.</p> <p>01:45:40 (Peg) Population growing over the years.</p> <p>01:47:40 (Paddy) Future of the club and their sense of responsibility.</p> <p>01:48:10 (Pat) Favourite memories. Playing cards.</p>
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	<p>01:49:25 (Tom) Winning the Under-21 title. Almost winning the senior championship in 1965.</p> <p>01:50:20 (Tom) State of their senior team in 2010.</p> <p>01:50:50 (Paddy) Emigration in the 1970s and 1980s.</p> <p>01:51:20 (Peg) Memories of socials and outings over the years.</p> <p>01:51:45 (Paddy) Children that came through the club not getting in trouble with the law.</p> <p>01:52:35 (Peg) Annual Mass. Fr Damian speaking at the Mass. Fr Wall saying the Mass in 2009.</p> <p>01:53:25 (Tom) GAA President Christy Cooney attending their Mass.</p> <p>01:55:05 (Tom) Trying to locate 100-year-old clubs in Ireland in 1984.</p> <p>01:56:00 (Paddy) Hosting tournaments during the centenary year.</p> <p>01:58:05 (Paddy) Being invited to play at a festival in Laois. Playing against O'Toole's on the same day. Trying to fit both matches in. How the day went.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p>Paddy:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Peg:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p>

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	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Tommy:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Pat:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): Umpire & First-Aider</p>
<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Paddy: Leinster Minor and Senior Football Championship playing with Dublin; All-Ireland Minor and Junior Football Championships. Played with Dublin for 12 years.</p> <p>Peg: Played camogie with Round Towers Camogie Club</p> <p>Tommy: Played for 20 years – juvenile, minor and senior leagues</p> <p>Pat: N/A</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Paddy: Member of Round Towers GAA committee for 40 years holding positions such as vice-chairman and chairman; Senior Board delegate for 40 years.</p> <p>Peg: Round Towers Committee member for many years</p> <p>Tommy: Round Towers Club Secretary (10 years); Club committee members (20 years)</p> <p>Pat: Round Towers Assistance Treasurer 1960-70</p>

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Signed: Regina Fitzpatrick

Date: 11th June 2012